

**CITY OF MILPITAS  
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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| <b>Minutes:</b>          | <b>Regular Meeting of the Youth Advisory Commission</b>             |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>  | <b>Thursday, January 13, 2005</b>                                   |
| <b>Time of Meeting:</b>  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Place of Meeting:</b> | <b>455 E. Calaveras Blvd., City Hall Commission Conference Room</b> |

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**A. ROLE CALL**

Commissioner Joseph Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Commissioners Present:**

Joseph Hall, Lindsey Munzel, Justin Nguyen, Aditya Ullal, Van La, Danielle Yee, and Jay Kumar

**Alternates Present: N/A**

**Commissioners Absent:**

Charlotte Beard and Khullat Munir

**City Council Present:**

Debbie Giordano

**City Staff Present:**

Samu Tiumalu, Program Coordinator

Dale Flunoy, Program Coordinator

**B. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: N/A**

**C. FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** to adopt the minutes of December 9, 2004 was made.

M/S: Ullal/La                      Ayes: All

**E. CITIZENS FORUM**

N/A

**F. ANNOUNCEMENT**

Program Coordinator Samu Tiumalu reminded the Youth Commissioners of the Training Workshop for Parks and Recreation Commissioners, Board Members and Parks and Recreation Professional Staff scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2005 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Milpitas Community Center. He reiterated that the training is free for Commissioners and if they were interested to forward their registration form to either himself or Program Coordinator Dale Flunoy by February 20, 2005. Program Coordinator Dale Flunoy welcomed the new City Council Liaison Debbie Giordano to her first Youth Advisory Commission meeting and stated that they were happy to have her aboard. He also informed the youth commissioners of a grant that is available to all high school seniors who are going to continue their education in either the field of Recreation, Child Development, horticulture, or other related fields. The scholarships are being awarded by California Park & recreation Society, District IV for two scholarships of \$500.00. He said if any of them were interested to please pick up the application from him at the end of the meeting.

**G. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Chair Joseph Hall made a motion to add the naming of the library to the agenda before the agenda was approved.**

M/S: Ullal/Nguyen                      Ayes: All

**MOTION** to adopt the Agenda of Thursday, December 9, 2004 as submitted.

M/S: Ullal/Nguyen                      Ayes: All

## H. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Alcohol Awareness Pamphlet

Chair Hall stated that he has been working with a friend who is a doctor and he has a diagram that shows the blood flow from drugs and mentioned that his friends would be more than happy to let the Commission use it for their pamphlet. The sub-committee made their monthly update with Commissioner Ullal stating he looked into doing either stickers, bumper stickers or bookmarks. He mentioned if the Commission did all of the work, i.e. design, print and laminate the bookmarks, they could do it for less money or they could have them done professionally. Program Coordinator Tiumalu reminded the Commission what their goal was with the pamphlet and not to lose sight of this, but if they wanted to do stickers or bookmarks it was up to the Commission to decide.

A motion was made to re-agendize the Alcohol Awareness Pamphlet to the February meeting.

M/S: Hall, Ullal Ayes: All

### 2. Youth Advisory Commission Goals:

The Youth Commission had determined the following items to be their goals for their 04-05-office term:

- i. **Graffiti Terminators**
- ii. **Support events within the community**
- iii. **Assist with promotions of Teen Center Events**
- iv. **Host a social as a commission to get to know one another**
- v. **Continue to offer a "Rock the Beat" type event**
- vi. **Zin Area at the Teen Center**

To date here is the status of said goals:

1. **Graffiti Terminators** - Commissioner Ullal stated that he received a call from Chris Schaller stating that the Youth Commission would need to find a date, he then would train them on what to do. After the Commission finishes the training Mr. Schaller would contact Commissioner Ullal when their services would be needed.
2. **Support events within the community** – Commissioner La stated that she felt that the Youth Commission has improved in this area and she was happy with their outcome.
3. **Assist with promotions of Teen Center Events** – The Commission as a whole felt that they had not been very involved in this goal and that they would need to more involved.
4. **Host a social as a commission to get to know one another** – This goal has not been met yet, but Chair Hall had suggested making this the Commissions #1 goal for the term of office.
5. **Continue to offer a "Rock the Beat" type event** – Coordinator Samu Tiumalu stated that the Teen Center staff will plan this event and the Youth Advisory Commission will be asked to be their on the day of the event and help out where needed.
6. **Zin Area at the Teen Center** – This goal has not been met to date

A motion was made to re-agendize the following goals, commission social, "Rock the Beat" event, support the Teen Center, and Graffiti Terminators.

M/S: Hall/La Ayes: All

### 3. Channel 15

At the December 9, 2004 meeting, the commission discussed the possibility of a teen talk show or another avenue to be available for teens on channel 15. Commissioner Yee contacted the video club at Milpitas High School and spoke with Vice President of the club, who stated that he would talk to the president and he would get back to her with some possibilities for the video. Coordinator Tiumalu reminded the Youth Commissioners that they would have to take the whole project on, from providing the scripts to the layout, etc. and asked if they were up to the challenge. Coordinator Flunoy stated that they don't have to limit

themselves to a talk show; they could look into a phone line that teens could call for information, help, etc.

A motion was made to re-agendize this item to February 10, 2005 Commission meeting.

M/S: Hall/Munzel Ayes: All

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Project Cornerstone:**

Alexandra Ponce from the Project Cornerstone presented the Neighborhood Connection Project and invited the Youth Advisory Commission to participate in the project. Ms. Ponce gave an overview of what Project Cornerstone was and she stated that they were looking at young people as strengths and wanted to see how the Commission could build a youth and adult partnership. She also introduced the Neighborhood Connection Project – which supplies mini grants to youth commissions to launch special projects within their cities and thought the Youth Advisory Commission was a perfect example on an organization that could do this. Ms. Ponce stated that there were three steps they would need to take to be able to apply for a grant, step 1) create a project; step 2) commit with a minimum of 10 young people and two adults, not including program coordinators Tiumalu or Flunoy; step 3) attend a 2-hour orientation.

Council member Giordano asked Ms. Ponce how long Project Cornerstone been around and Ms. Ponce stated since 1999 with the help of a grant from the Lucille Packard Foundation.

A motion was made to agendize Project Cornerstone for the February 10, 2005 meeting.

M/S: Hall/Nguyen Ayes: All

### **2. YAC Attack:**

The California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) District IV and the Youth & Teen Recreation Services (YTRS) will be hosting the annual YAC Attack on Saturday, March 5, 2005, from 9am-2:30 pm at San Jose State University. The YAC Attack is a one-day conference for all youth commissions within District IV to network with other commissions to see what they are doing in their cities. Registration deadline is Friday, February 11, 2005. Staff asked who would be interested in attending this year's function; all commissioners who were presented stated that they would like to attend. Council member Giordano asked if they need money to attend and staff informed Ms. Giordano that the Youth Advisory Commission has a budget to cover trainings. Program Coordinator Tiumalu reminded all youth commissioners that they need to turn in their registration forms to either himself or Coordinator Dale Flunoy.

### **3. Honoring Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez:**

On October 5, 2004, the City Council directed that all City Commissions consider the Council Facilities Naming Subcommittee's recommendations to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Cesar Chavez and report back to the Council. Staff explained to the Commission that the City Council has been approached to rename the new library the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Library and wants feedback on how to celebrate Cesar Chavez Day with activities and a scheduled program.

Council member Giordano stated that the Library Commission already voted not to name the library the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

After much discussion the Youth Advisory Commission made a motion to keep the new library names as "the Milpitas Community Library" and maybe name different rooms within the library after such individuals. The motion also included having a Community Service Day for Cesar Chavez.

M/S: Hall/Yee Ayes: All

## **J. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. City Council Liaison Report**

Council member Giordano "Thanked" the Youth Advisory Commission and gave a brief background of herself and her family. She also stated that there has been and will be more

movement within the city, such as the City Manager resigning and that the City Council approved the conceptual plans for the new library.

Council member stated that she was interested in how each of the Youth Commissioners got involved in the Commission, because City Council is looking at new ways to get more interest in Commissions. Giordano asked each Youth Commission how they got involved and each commissioner's answer is as follows: Commissioner Munzel – She heard about the Youth Advisory Commission from her father who serves on another Commission; Commissioner Kumar – stated that his sister was on the Commission a few ago and he heard good things about; Commissioner Nguyen – said he learned about the Commission from the Mayor; Commissioner La – learned about it from the Milpitas Connection and Volunteer Coordinator Rosana Cacao; Commissioner Yee – stated that both her older sisters were on the commission and they both enjoyed it; Commissioner Ullal – learned about the commission from different City events and word of mouth. After Council member Giordano heard their replies she asked if any of them heard about the Commission through their schools, all said “no”. Coordinator Flunoy did state that they have sent information to the High School government classes and have never received any response.

## **2. Staff Report**

Program Coordinator Tiumalu reported the following:

- The Teen Center numbers have been increasing and that they had approximately 70 participants today at the center. He also stated that the Teen Center was going to hold a Valentines Dance on Saturday, February 12, 2005 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm to Thursday, February 10, 2005, at 7:00pm at the City Hall Committee Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Flunoy  
Program Coordinator